



## **North Devon Council**

Report Date: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### **Topic: Update report on the Conduct of Fraud Investigations**

Report by: Simon Fuller, Senior Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

#### **1 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 This report is taken to allow the Governance Committee to be made aware, periodically, of incidents of fraudulent activity at the Council.

#### **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That the update report on the Conduct of Fraud Investigations be noted.

#### **3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 To comply with the Procedure for the Conduct of Investigation Report / Anti-fraud, Corruption and Bribery Policy and Strategy.

#### **4 REPORT**

4.1 At Governance Committee on 8th June 2021 it was agreed, as part of the Procedure for the Conduct of Investigation Report / Anti-fraud, Corruption and Bribery Policy and Strategy that periodic reports would be presented to SMT and Members in terms of incidents of fraudulent activity. These have been agreed for March and September each year.

4.2 There are no updates to be made and there are no incidents which have been reported to the Monitoring Officer.

#### **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

5.1. There are no resource implications.

#### **6. EQUALITIES ASSESSMENT**

6.1. An Equality Impact Assessment has not been completed as no equality issues are affected.

#### **7. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

7.1. There are no environmental implications of this report.

#### **8. CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

8.1. There are no implications of this report on the Corporate Priorities.

#### **9. CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT**

9.1. Part 3 Annexe 1 paragraph: 5



9.2. Referred or delegated power? Delegated

#### 10. STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

This report contains no confidential information or exempt information under the provisions of Schedule 12A of 1972 Act.

#### 11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:  
The Council's Anti-Fraud, Corruption and Bribery Policy and Strategy  
(The background papers are available for inspection and kept by the author of the report).

#### 12. STATEMENT OF INTERNAL ADVICE

The author (below) confirms that advice has been taken from all appropriate Councillors and Officers: Simon Fuller, Senior Solicitor and Monitoring Officer